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1. A new ordinance passed down by the Volkspolizei headquarters in Berlin to its various stations prescribes measures for the increased security of the Baltic seacoast against spies, agents and terrorists.
2. Along the Baltic seacoast of the East Zone, a 5 km. wide security zone on land and a 3 mile zone on water has been established. In these zones, travel for all persons living in West Germany or in West Berlin is prohibited. Inhabitants of the DDR may temporarily stay there:
 - a. on duty trips
 - b. on health cures
 - c. on excursions
 - d. on visits to relatives

In all cases listed under "a" to "c", the person must have, in addition to his identity card, documents (such as duty orders, confinement to a sanatorium or convalescent home, certificate of excursion) which prove the necessity for his stay in the district, and in which locality and length of stay are indicated. These documents must originate with or be confirmed by responsible organs of the DDR (ministries, state secretariates, parties or mass organizations, social security institutions, high schools), or authorization by the VnB, FDGB, etc., to go to a convalescent home is of equal value as an authorization by the state travel bureaus (LER, Deutsches Reise Deutschland, Reisebüro Leipzig) for staying in a home, hotel or private dwelling. Such travelers must, within 24 hours after arrival, report in to the police station of the respective locality and report out again before departure. The police will then stamp the documents:

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3. Those citizens of the DDR who wish to stay in the 5 km. zone temporarily in order to visit relatives must report, upon arrival, to the responsible

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police station and submit a declaration by the relative when they are visiting. This declaration must provide the following: name, address of relative visited, relationship, and an assurance that the visitor will be lodged during the period of the visit. The police will then hand out a permit for a maximum 30-day stay, which may be extended for an additional 15 days in exceptional cases. The visitor must turn the permit in again before departing.

4. Excepted from the above rules are inhabitants of the DLT who merely undertake a week-end trip to their relatives. Holiday or week-end excursions must fall between noon of the day before and morning after Sunday or holiday.

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Comment: The purpose of the new measure is not so much for reasons of security as for complete elimination of private landlords and private travel bureaus. The RDB and people's-owned travel bureaus will then be able to lay down their own conditions, like rent price, choice of food, etc.